DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Research Steering Committee (RSC) will hold a series of four workshops to potentially redevelop the research set-aside (RSA) program.

DATES: The first three workshops will be held via webinar on Thursday, July 15, Tuesday, August 31, and Thursday, October 14, 2021, all beginning at 10 a.m. and concluding by 4 p.m. The fourth workshop will be held in-person at a to be determined date and time in the late fall. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The first three workshops will be held via webinar and the final meeting will be an in-person workshop in the late fall. Details on the agenda, webinar listen-in access, and briefing materials will be posted at the MAFMC's website: www.mafmc.org.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council is hosting a series of 4

workshops (3 webinars and 1 in-person meeting) to develop recommendations for the
possible redevelopment of the RSA program. Each webinar will target a separate topic

related to RSA (research, funding, and enforcement). The Scientific and Statistical

Committee Economic Working Group will work collaboratively with the Council's RSC

to provide economic input specific to each webinar topic, as well as develop meeting

reports and briefing materials for the in-person workshop in the fall. During the final in-

person workshop, participants will review the recommendations from the first three

webinars and develop final recommendations for RSA program redevelopment.

Workshop participants will include a core group of individuals who will be invited to

attend all four workshops. Staff may solicit additional participants with topic-specific

expertise to participate in each workshop. All workshops will be open to the public.

Special Accommodations

The meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for

sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kathy Collins at

the Mid-Atlantic Council Office, (302) 526-5253, at least 5 days prior to the meeting

date.

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